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Applicants : BUSH et al.
Filing Date : JANUARY 7, 2002
Title : METHOD TO ROUGH SIZE COATED
COMPONENTS FOR EASY ASSEMBLY

Art Unit : 1762
Examiner : BAREFORD, K.A.

Docket No. : 9997A

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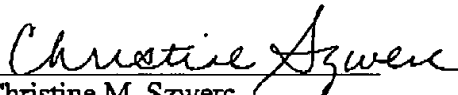
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.8, the undersigned hereby certifies that the following correspondence:

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Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.111

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this date of **October 13, 2004**.

Respectfully submitted,


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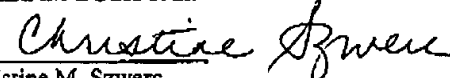
Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Communication mailed October 7, 2004 indicating non-compliance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Applicants hereby conform the amendment to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 by amending the status identifier to read "Currently Amended".

The undersigned promptly responded to the prior notice mailed February 2, 2004 with a faxed response on March 1, 2004 (with successful confirmation, a copy of which is enclosed). The US PTO failed to receive said fax notwithstanding the undersigned's successful transmission and requested a courtesy copy on or about August 26, 2004. The US PTO then responded with a second notice mailed October 7, 2004, to which Applicants hereby respond. Given the foregoing, the undersigned requested that the PTO waive the abandonment and extensions of time is required, as the delay in response from the first notice was at the error to the US PTO. The US PTO did not give us a second notice until AFTER the response period from the prior notice had ended, namely August 2, 2004.

Should the PTO believe that a telephone interview may facilitate resolution of any matters in this case, Applicants' attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
IN CONFORMANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Communication mailed February 2, 2004 indicating non-compliance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 of the amendment dated December 17, 2003 in the above-referenced application. Applicants hereby respond in a timely manner before the due date of March 2, 2004. Applicants hereby conform the amendment to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Claims 1-16 remain pending in the present application. In view of the remarks herein, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.